

JOB DESCRIPTION – Teacher of History (part-time for one academic year)

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JOB SPECIFICATION	
Title of Post	Teacher of History (part-time)
Purpose of Post	<p>To teach History to students on the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma programme (years 12 and 13) and the Pre-IB programme (year 11) for one academic year to provide cover for a maternity leave absence.</p> <p>To maintain and improve the quality of educational provision within the subject area and contribute to the general academic direction and operation of the College.</p>
Context of Teaching and Learning	<p>St Clare's offers a uniquely dynamic and supportive environment for teachers of IB and Pre-IB History.</p> <p>Small class sizes ensure that teaching is a real pleasure. An individual approach, where students are highly motivated and stimulated by their studies, leads to excellent working relationships.</p>
Overview of Role	<p>All IB students (c240 students) must study at least one Group 3 Individuals and Societies (Humanities) subject and many students opt to study two. The History course is very popular with more than 40 students a year choosing to study it. History results are excellent, and many students go on to study the subject at leading universities both in the UK and overseas.</p> <p>This role represents an excellent opportunity for a dedicated teacher to teach in the uniquely dynamic and supportive environment at St. Clare's.</p>
Reporting Structure	<p>This role reports to the Head of Humanities.</p> <p>There are currently nine members of the Humanities department. In addition to History, the department includes Geography, Global Politics, Economics, Business Management, Psychology, and ESS.</p>
Key Responsibilities	<p>Teaching</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teaching History at higher and standard levels (higher students have four hours teaching a week and standard students have three hours a week) Possibly teaching History to Pre-IB students Leading an extra-curricular CAS activity group <p>Personal Tutor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There may also be an additional role as a Personal Tutor for approximately 12 students <p>While every effort has been made to describe the main duties and responsibilities of the post, each individual task necessary for the successful performance of the role may not be specifically identified. The Teacher of History may therefore be required to undertake other tasks and duties that are commensurate with the grade and nature of the role and/or in the reasonable discretion of the College.</p>

PERSON SPECIFICATION	
<i>The successful candidate will have demonstrated the following essential (E) or desirable (D) skills and experience</i>	
Education and qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relevant honours degree and PGCE (or equivalent) (E)
Knowledge, skills and experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to teach the subject to IB level (or equivalent) (E) • Experience of working in an international environment (D) • Experience of teaching the IB History course (D) • Successful record of supporting students with excellent progress and results (E) • Experience of working with students from different cultural, language and educational backgrounds (D) • Possess a thorough understanding of child protection and safeguarding issues (E) • A commitment to equal opportunities and inclusion (E)
Personal skills and attributes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An excellent and innovative classroom practitioner (E) • Excellent interpersonal skills to enthuse and motivate students (E) • Willingness to contribute to the life of a busy boarding school (E) • Willingness to contribute to the development of their department (E) • Efficiency, enthusiasm, flexibility and team spirit (E)
TERMS AND CONDITIONS	
Terms of Employment	<p>Part-time contract for one academic year to start in September 2026.</p> <p>It is anticipated that the successful teacher will teach around 60% of a full timetable. There is scope to work more hours, up to and including a full-time contract, if another required IB or Pre-IB subject including Theory of Knowledge (TOK) could be offered. Applicants wishing to work more hours are therefore welcomed.</p>
Place of Work	139 Banbury Road, Oxford, OX2 7AL
Hours of Work	<p>Classes are timetabled between 9.00 and 16.30 and meetings can last up until 1800 on some evenings.</p> <p>The academic year for IB teaching is 35 weeks, from late August until mid-June, with breaks at the end of term and mid-term in October and February.</p>
Salary / Pay	<p>Salaries for teachers are based on the St Clare's pay scale according to qualifications and experience.</p> <p>An allowance is also paid for Personal Tutor responsibilities.</p>
Pension	A contributory defined contribution (DC) pension scheme is offered following a 3-month deferment period. St Clare's will pay a sum equivalent to 20% of salary subject to the employee making contributions of at least 5%.
Other Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A free lunch is provided in the College dining hall on working days and when students are in residence • Season ticket loan • Cycle to Work scheme • Life Assurance • Subsidised gym membership • Employee Assistance Programme

REFERENCES AND PRE-EMPLOYMENT CHECKS

St Clare's is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. All offers of employment and contracts are issued subject to satisfactory references and outcomes on all necessary pre-employment checks including DBS records and establishing the right to work in the UK. Some or all of these checks may have been undertaken before an offer is made.

Under the National Minimum Standards for Boarding Schools, we are required to follow the guidance in Keeping Children Safe in Education and undertake additional checks on employees.

References	Full written references and phone references on quoted references may be obtained before or after interview. One referee must be your current or most recent employer. References must also include the last place of employment where you worked with children or vulnerable adults. References from friends or relatives will not be accepted. Please ensure referees know they will be contacted and will respond promptly.
Identity, right to work and qualifications	Original documents confirming proof of identity, right to work in the UK and relevant qualifications will be required.
Police and DBS checks	Police checks/Disclosure and Barring Service checks will also be undertaken for which employees/prospective employees are required to provide information and consent. Candidates who have lived and worked abroad in the last five years will be required to seek good conduct references, or the equivalent, from the countries in which they worked, as a pre-requisite of employment.
Health questionnaire	Satisfactory completion of a health questionnaire.
Prohibition order checks	Prohibition order checks will be carried out for all teaching positions and for senior management positions as appropriate.
HOW TO APPLY	
Applications	Applications must be made using the College's standard application form which can be found on the College website at https://stclares.ac.uk/contact-us/recruitment-and-careers/ CVs will only be accepted if accompanied by a St Clare's application form.
Email	Applications should be submitted by email to recruitment@stclares.ac.uk
Post	Alternatively, send to: Recruitment, HR Department, St Clare's, Oxford, 139 Banbury Road, Oxford, OX2 7AL
Contact us	Email: recruitment@stclares.ac.uk Tel: 01865 552031
Deadline for applications	This role will close 9am on Monday 23 rd February 2026 Earlier applications are welcomed, and the College reserves the right to shortlist when a suitable field is available.
Selection Process	Interviews will take place soon after the closing date. Applicants will also be asked to prepare and teach a lesson on an agreed topic. There will be an opportunity to look around the College and meet other colleagues on the day of the interview.

SCHEDULE OF DUTIES: TEACHERS AT ST. CLARE'S, OXFORD

The following duties shall be deemed to be included in the professional duties which a teacher may be required to perform:

1 *Teaching*

In each case having regard to the curriculum for the College, the Teacher shall:

- a) plan and prepare courses and lessons including associated written documentation such as schemes of work, lesson plans, and other documentation as required;
- b) teach, according to their educational needs, the students assigned to them, including setting and marking work to be carried out by the students in school and elsewhere;
- c) assess, record and report on the students' development, progress and attainment;
- d) promote the general progress and well-being of individual students and of any class or group of students assigned to them.

2 *Assessments and reports*

The Teacher shall:

- a) provide or contribute to oral and written assessments, reports and references relating to individual students and groups of students.
- b) make records of and reports on the academic, personal and social needs of students.
- c) communicate and consult with parents or guardians of students following agreed procedures.

3 *Performance Development*

The Teacher shall participate in arrangements for the appraisal of their performance if required.

4 *Professional training and development*

The Teacher shall:

- a) review from time to time, within the context of the performance development scheme and at other times, their methods of teaching, programmes of work and other aspects of their work as a teacher to ensure that their remains up-to-date with current best practice.
- b) undertake training and professional development, in relation to subject or area of teaching, teaching methods, and other aspects of professional work as a teacher:
 - through participation in activities arranged by the Employer taking place in working time and through attendance at relevant courses, meetings, etc.
 - through other activities undertaken by the Teacher, such as reading, private study, acquiring additional relevant qualifications etc.
- c) maintain a log of activities undertaken as continuing professional development, demonstrating the follow-up to areas identified for development in personal professional reviews under this clause.

5 *Educational methods*

The Teacher shall advise and co-operate with the Principal, Deputy Principal, Vice Principal, Course Directors and other teachers, either individually or as a group, on the preparation and development of courses of study, teaching materials, teaching programmes, methods of teaching and assessment and pastoral arrangements.

6 *Discipline*

The Teacher shall maintain good order and discipline among the students.

7 *Health & safety*

The Teacher shall safeguard students' health & safety both when they are authorised to be on the Employer's premises and when they are engaged in the College's activities elsewhere.

8 *Staff meetings*

The Teacher shall participate in meetings at the College which include discussion on the progress of students, the management of activities relating to the curriculum, organisation and pastoral functions of the College, and other meetings as required from time to time.

9 *Public examinations*

The Teacher shall participate in arrangements for assessing students for public examinations and supervision of students during such examinations.

10 *Management*

The Teacher shall:

- a) take such part as may be reasonably required of them in the review, development and management of activities relating to the curriculum, organisation and pastoral functions of the College;
- b) participate in administrative and organisational tasks related to such duties.

11 *Other activities*

The Teacher shall:

- a) communicate and co-operate on College business with persons or bodies from outside the College;
- b) arrange and undertake with students, activities which complement and support academic work.